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EASTERN REGION _CSAFE_ SUMMIT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th
At Ramada Inn BWI, 7253 Parkway Drive, Hanover

Law enforcement HEAT Teams from 17 counties

TOWSON, MD (October 18, 2006)---Local and state public safety officials from 17 Maryland counties will gather at the Ramada Inn at Hanover near BWI Airport on Thursday, October 19 for the Eastern Region CSAFE Summit. The summit will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. Participants include local police and sheriff's offices, state Division of Parole and Probation agents, and case management specialists from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services who work throughout central, southern, northern, and eastern Maryland. (The Western CSAFE Summit last month included participants from six counties in the western part of the state.) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and Maryland State Police will also make key presentations.

CSAFE stands for Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement. CSAFE teams consist of local and state public safety officers working closely together in potentially threatened communities by closely monitoring ex-offenders in designated CSAFE neighborhoods.

The Eastern CSAFE Summit will feature approximately 175 participants, who will attend seminars on critical public safety topics, including gun violence, gangs, sex offender compliance and enforcement, and cooperative law enforcement.   Most participants are members of HEAT teams. HEAT stands for _Heightened Enforcement, Accountability and Treatment._

The summit is organized by the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC), agencies within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) providing training for virtually all Maryland law enforcers.

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